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The Society this year received the following Paper and Certificates in claim of the Premium, being the **GOLD MEDAL**, offered for the cultivation of the **BREAD-FRUIT TREES** in the West Indies; but the Candidate not having fully complied with the terms specified in the Advertisement, no Sample of the Fruit having been sent as required, he could not be considered as entitled to the Premium offered; yet in consideration of his merit, as being the first Claimant for this Premium, he was presented with the **SILVER MEDAL** and **TWENTY GUINEAS**.

A **RCHIBALD M'LIESH**, now in the service of Samuel Mure, Esq. on Williamsfield Penn, in the parish of St. Elizabeth, Island of Jamaica, declares that he planted within a strong enclosure, formed of a stone wall four feet and a half in height,

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which takes in an area of about three acres and a half on the said settlement, one hundred and one Bread-Fruit trees ; the original plants of which were brought from Otaheite, and put in the ground from the 17th Oct. 1797, and continued to be supplied with fresh plants until 1st Jan. 1798 ; the whole of which number of Bread-Fruit plants are now in a most thriving and flourishing state.

ARCHIBALD M'LIESH.

Williamsfield, Aug. 10, 1798.

I CERTIFY, that I saw the above-mentioned plantation of Bread-Fruit trees, and inspected them with great attention ; and that the above declaration, as to the numbers growing in a thriving and flourishing state, and the fence by which they are enclosed, is genuine and authentic.

ROBERT BRERETON,

Major-General of Militia, Island of Jamaica.

I believe the above to be a fair and just statement.

BALCARRAS, Lt. Gov.

Archibald M'Liesh has distributed about three hundred and fifty plants of the Bread-Fruit to gentlemen of estates, at the distance of forty or fifty miles from him, and has upwards of two hundred more to distribute, besides those mentioned in the certificate.

The method of cultivating the Bread-Fruit Trees is as follows :

By suckers and layers ; and also by cutting off the small roots of one quarter of an inch to one inch and a half diameter, and about five inches in length, from trees that bear fruit, which must be planted, the small end downwards, and the thick end about half an inch above the soil ; and in ten months they may be transplanted.

The trees arrive at the greatest perfection in a rich loamy soil, and require great heat and moderate moisture.

ARCHIBALD M'LIESH.